



# MISSION

The Indiana Department of Child Services protects children from abuse and neglect. DCS does this by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.

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# VISION

Children thrive in safe, caring, supportive families and communities.

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# VALUES

- We believe every child has the right to be free from abuse and neglect.
  - We believe every child has the right to appropriate care and a permanent home.
  - We believe parents have the primary responsibility for the care and safety of their children.
  - We believe the most desirable place for children to grow up is with their own families, when these families are able to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.
  - We believe in personal accountability for outcomes, including one's growth and development.
  - We believe every person has value, worth, and dignity.
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